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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN

هيئة انكشاف بين المللي اضلاع متحدة امريكا
كابل افغانستان

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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Mr. J. Bruce Amstutz
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American Embassy
Kabul, Afghanistan

Dear Bruce:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/GDC/MR	
February 18, 1979	
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At 1:30 P.M. today, the local employees of the AID Mission convened a Memorial Service on behalf of Ambassador Dubs. Speaking for the group, Sayed Wahezi expressed the profound shock and sorrow of our Afghan colleagues at the tragic events of February 14, 1979.

On behalf of Charles Grader, who has left for the United States, I read the following message:

"This has been a terribly tragic and difficult period for all of us. I can think of no American Ambassador who better typified the best characteristics of our people than Ambassador Dubs. He was, indeed, a true representative of the American people and a true friend of Afghanistan. He was a warm human being to all of us who knew him.

"I greatly regret that my immediate departure for the U.S. precludes my attending this Memorial Service. However, this will allow me to personally relate to Mrs. Dubs the initiative taken by the Afghan AID staff to hold a Memorial Service for her late husband.

"I want you to know that during a period such as this, I feel tremendously proud in being associated with such an AID staff."

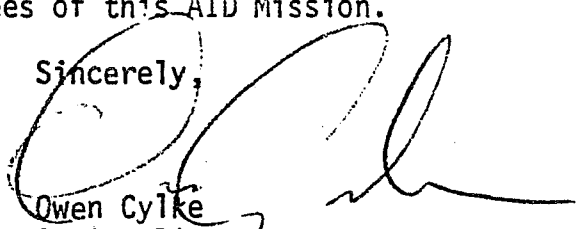
Following these comments, we took a few moments of silent meditation, following which each of our 112 local employees stood and expressed their condolences individually to me. Mr. Wahezi asked that I explain to Mrs. Dubs that because of the weekend and the fact that most of the employees do not have telephones, they were unaware of either the Memorial Service or her departure on Saturday. I then released the staff to proceed to the Embassy to sign the Condolence Book.

Mr. J. Bruce Amstutz
February 18, 1979

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You may wish to inform Mrs. Dubs of this spontaneous and genuine expression of sympathy from the employees of this AID Mission.

Sincerely,



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Acting Director